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SUBJECT: GOB PM ADAMS ON POLICY AND DESTABILIZATION

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1. QUOTED IN ITS ENTIRETY BELOW IS AN ARTICLE WHICH
APPEARED IN THE SEPTEMBER 5 ISSUE OF THE TRINIDAD
SUNDAY GUARDIAN, LABELED: ADAMS: NO CHANGE IN POLICY.

BASICALLY, IT FOLLOWS COMMENTS CONTAINED IN THE ABOVE
REFTELS).

2. ARTICLE BEGINS: "BARBADOS' NEW PRIME MINISTER,
MR. J.M.G. 'TOM' ADAMS HAS INDICATED HERE THAT THERE
WILL BE NO SHIFT IN THE ISLAND'S FOREIGN POLICY UNDER
HIS LEADERSHIP.

"THE LEADER OF THE TRIUMPHANT BARBADOS LABOUR PARTY
SAID BARBADOS WOULD CONTINUE A POLICY OF INDEPENDENCE.

"THERE WERE NO PLANS TO CHANGE BARBADOS' PRESENT
ATTITUDE TOWARDS WESTERN COUNTRIES OR THE NON-ALIGNED
COUNTRIES, MR. ADAMS SAID.

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"BARBADOS IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

"FORMER PRIME MINISTER ERROL BARROW OF THE DEFEATED

DEMOCRATIC LABOUR PARTY (DLP) ONCE SAID BARBADOS HAD NOTHING TO BE 'NON-ALIGNED AGAINST.'

"UNDER THE DLP GOVERNMENT BARBADOS ADOPTED THE SLOGAN 'FRIENDS OF ALL, SATELLITES OF NONE' IN DEALING WITH ITS FOREIGN AFFAIRS."

"THE NEW PRIME MINISTER, HOWEVER, KNOCKED DOWN CHARGES BY MR. BARROW THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS TRYING TO DESTABILISE BARBADOS."

"MR. ADAMS EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT MR. BARROW'S STATEMENTS EARLIER THIS YEAR MAY HAVE HURT THE TOURIST INDUSTRIES IN JAMAICA AND BARBADOS."

"WE DO NOT THINK THAT THE UNITED STATES IS IN ANY WAY GUILTY OF DESTABILISING BARBADOS." MR. ADAMS SAID.

"HE RECALLED THAT EARLIER THIS YEAR HIS BLP CRITICISED MR. BARROW FOR MAKING THAT ALLEGATION."

"MEANWHILE MR. ADAMS, WHO WILL BE 45 LATER THIS MONTH, IS DRAWING UP HIS CABINET AND AN ANNOUNCEMENT IS EXPECTED IN A FEW DAYS."

"HIS BLP WON 17 OF THE 24 SEATS IN THE ISLAND'S HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY IN THURSDAY'S GENERAL ELECTION. THE OTHER SEVEN WENT TO THE DLP."
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